

# United States Environmental Protection Agency Region V POLLUTION REPORT

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**Subject:** Site Mobilization

DSC-Gibraltar/ Countywide Landfill 28000 W. Jefferson Avenue, Gibraltar, MI

Latitude: 42.1028000 Longitude: -83.2039000

**POLREP No.:** 1 Site #: B5QW **Reporting Period: D.O.** #: 0039 **Start Date:** 3/2/2010 **Response Authority:** CERCLA **Mob Date:** 3/2/2010 **Response Type:** Time-Critical **Demob Date: NPL Status:** Non NPL

Completion Date:Incident Category:Removal ActionCERCLIS ID #:MIN000510362Contract #EP-S5-08-02

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# **Site Description**

The DSC-Gibraltar Site is located in Gibraltar, Wayne County, Michigan; - 42 degrees°, 6 minutes", 300 seconds' latitude and 83°, 12", 0' longitude.

The Site is bound by West Jefferson Avenue to the east, Vreeland Road to the north, Canadian National North America rail line to the west, and Gibraltar Road to the south. The

Frank and Poet Drain runs north to south through the Site, between Countywide Landfill Upper and Lower and DSC Landfill Areas 1A and 1B, and eventually runs into the Detroit River. The easternmost portion of the Site is approximately 3 tenths of a mile west of the Detroit River. The Humbug Marsh, part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, is directly across West Jefferson Avenue from the Site.

At the request of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), U.S. EPA is installing an upper collection system at Countywide and constructing two treatment plants, one for DSC and one for Countywide, to handle leachate. Operation and Maintaince of the treatment system will be conducted by DNRE.

This leachate resulted from the percolation of precipitation and groundwater through steel waste and construction debris and contains high concentrations of phenolic compounds and exhibits a pH exceeding 12.5 standard units.

### **Current Activities**

In November 2009, U.S. EPA collected six leachate samples from Countywide Landfill (East Well, West Well, Standing Pipe #1, Standing Pipe #3, Standing Pipe #5, and Standing Pipe #7) and two leachate samples from Landfills 1A and 1B at the DSC-Gibraltar facility (Pump Station #1A and Pump Station #1B).

Between December and February, U.S. EPA finalized the upper collection system design, met with City of Gibraltar Officials, requested and received NPDES parameters from Michigan DNRE, requested and received discharge parameters from from South Huron Valley Utility Authority (SHVUA), and assigned a community involvement coordinator.

On March 2, U.S. EPA mobilized to begin installation of the upper collection system.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

- 1) construct workbench along slope,
- 2) weld collection line,
- 3) receive sump vaults,
- 4) collect treatability samples,
- 5) excavate collection trenches,
- 6) Finalize treatment system design,
- 7) Install treatment system.

### **Next Steps**

Meeting with City of Gibraltar on March 4 to discuss reuse scenarios and public outreach needs.

#### **Estimated Costs \***

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<b>Extramural Costs</b>		
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$700,000.00 \$181,724.00 \$518.276.00	74.04%
TAT/START	\$20,000.00 \$16,361.00 \$20,000.00	18.20%
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<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$720,000.00 \$198,085.00 \$521,915.00	72.49%

<sup>\*</sup> The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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